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Troops in Silesia.

1. In August 1950, a cantonment of eight wooden buildings in the northern sector of Habelschwerdt (P 51/H 32), about 500 meters north of the former Landratsamt (county administration), was occupied by 250 to 300 Polish soldiers. The unit, which was generally referred to as an infantry unit, had been stationed there since 1946. It was commanded by a Polish field-grade officer. (1)
2. The soldiers were young men serving their term of service. In 1950, the 1927 and 1928 classes were serving in the military establishment. The soldiers wore brown uniforms and the old-type Polish cap. No information was available on the service color worn. (2)
3. Only small arms, including rifles with fixed four-edged bayonets, sub-machine guns with drum magazines and light machine guns were seen with the unit.
4. The unit was seen drilling in the cantonment. Discipline did not seem to be very good.
5. No Soviet soldiers were seen in Habelschwerdt after 1947.
6. In August 1950, a Polish border guard unit of about 120 men was quartered in a four-story brick building, about 20x30 meters, in the southern sector of Seitenberg (P 51/H 42), on the east side of the road leading to Heudorf (P 51/H 42), opposite the athletic ground. The superior headquarters of this unit was located in Glatz (P 51/H 34). (3)
7. The officers and some of the EM wore round service caps with a red ribbon. The old square Polish cap was also seen.
8. The unit was armed with Polish rifles, submachine guns with both drum and clip magazines, and some light machine guns. It was equipped with four or five motor vehicles and some horse-drawn vehicles.

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9. Besides the border guard troops, a military school headed by a Polish captain was in Seitenberg. The school was attended by about 60 men and was said to be assigned to a headquarters in Breslau (P 52/C 41). The school was located in the northern sector of the town, about 400 meters from the quarters of the border guard troops, on the west side of the road to Schreckendorf (P 51/H 42).
10. The trainees at the school wore blue-grey uniforms and dark blue service caps with a red ribbon. They wore dark blue collar patches with silver facings. They were armed with carbines and pistols. They seemed to be trained personnel. (4)
11. Only a Soviet komendatura headed by a captain was located in Bad Landeck (P 51/H 43). Eight Soviet civilian engineers, who were supervising the mining of uranium ore near Seitenberg, were assigned to the komendatura. A number of buildings in Bad Landeck were requisitioned as a recreation area for Soviet officers.
12. Up to the beginning of August 1950, a Polish border guard detachment of about 30 men was located at the Kuckuck Inn, about 3 km south of the edge of Katscher (P 51/X 85), on the east side of the road to Roessnitz (P 51/J 30). The detachment was under the command of an officer named Poronski (fnu). The soldiers wore round service caps with a green ribbon.
13. Two Poles of this detachment, [redacted] were inducted in Ratibor (P 51/Y 05) in April 1949. One of them was born on [redacted]
14. No Polish troops were seen in the vicinity of Katscher. No Soviet troops had been seen there after 1946.

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Management of Estates by the Soviet Military Administration.

15. [redacted] until 1948, Soviet military administrations were at Striegau (P 51/H 09) (three estates), Reichenbach (P 51/H 43) (Large Mill, just on the railroad line), Bad Landeck (one estate), Kunzendorf (P 51/H 43) (three estates), Wolfelsdorf (P 51/H 32) (five estates), and Oberlangenau (P 51/H 31) (one estate).
16. The Soviet-administrated estates were assigned to a headquarters in Liegnitz (P 52/B 82). As a rule an armed detachment of about 15 men under the command of an officer was stationed at each estate.
17. Some of the estates were dissolved in 1948 and 1949. The Soviets took away all live-stock and the entire inventory. The buildings and the land was turned over to the Polish state.

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Comments.

- (1) An Infantry Battalion of the 27th Inf Regt in Glatz or a Battalion of the 23d WOP Brig, also stationed in Glatz, may be concerned.
- (2) The data on the classes serving in the armed forces are correct.
- (3) Believed to be a company of the 23d WOP Brig in Glatz.
- (4) The uniform indicates that the installation could have been a tank, air force or militia school, for all these branches of service wear blue-grey uniforms.

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